

RES 17-032

Wilmington, Delaware
May 4, 2017

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Sponsor:

Council
President
Shabazz

WHEREAS, Council is elected by the people of the City of Wilmington, and it is the duty of elected officials to serve the public good and represent the interests of all citizens in the city; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 27, sponsored by Delaware State Senator Bryon Townsend, would amend Title 29 of the Delaware State Code relating to the redistricting of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 27 would establish an Independent Redistricting Commission for the State of Delaware. The Commission would be responsible for drawing the boundaries of Delaware's legislative districts every ten years, following each decennial census; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 27 would help to increase the political independence of the redistricting process. The Commission would have nine members, comprising of attorneys or former judges, and Delaware citizens, with three individuals each from the state's two largest political parties and three individuals not a member of those political parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council strongly supports Senate Bill 27 and its efforts to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission for the State of Delaware.

Passed by City Council,
May 4, 2017

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 4th
day of May, 2017.

James Shabazz
Assistant City Solicitor